

GPS RAIM Prediction Service

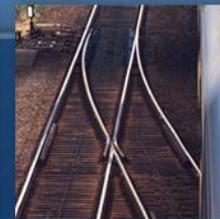


FAA's Operational Tool GPS Navigation Predictions in the Flight Planning Process

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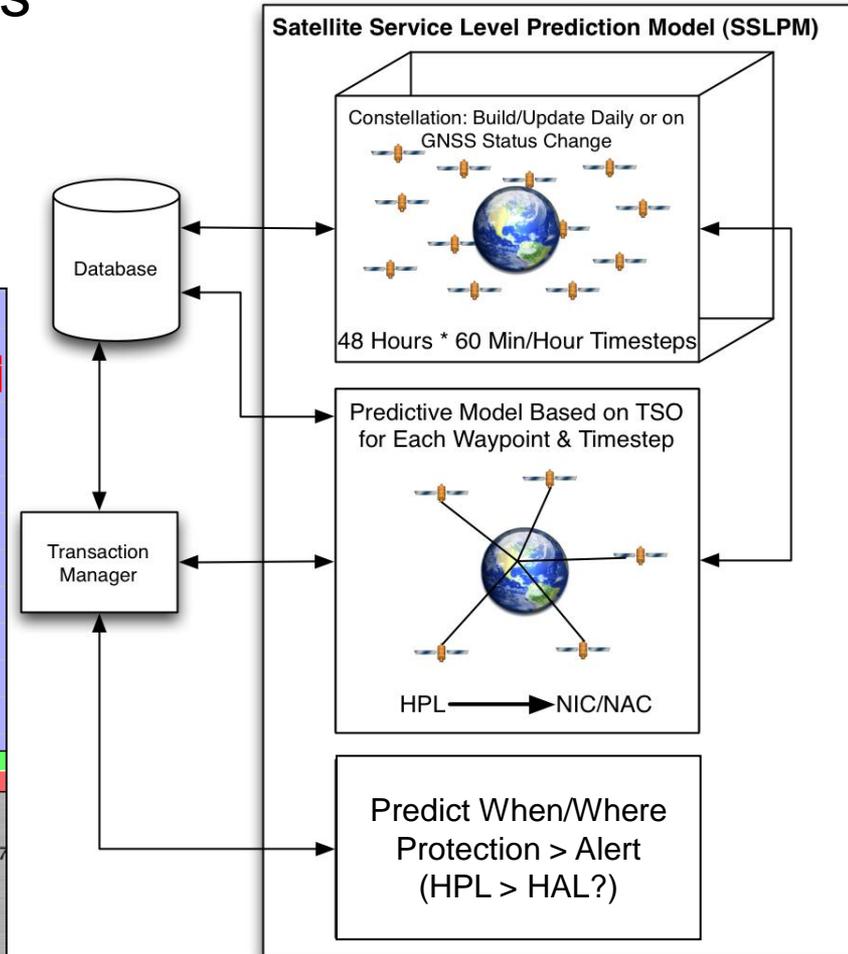
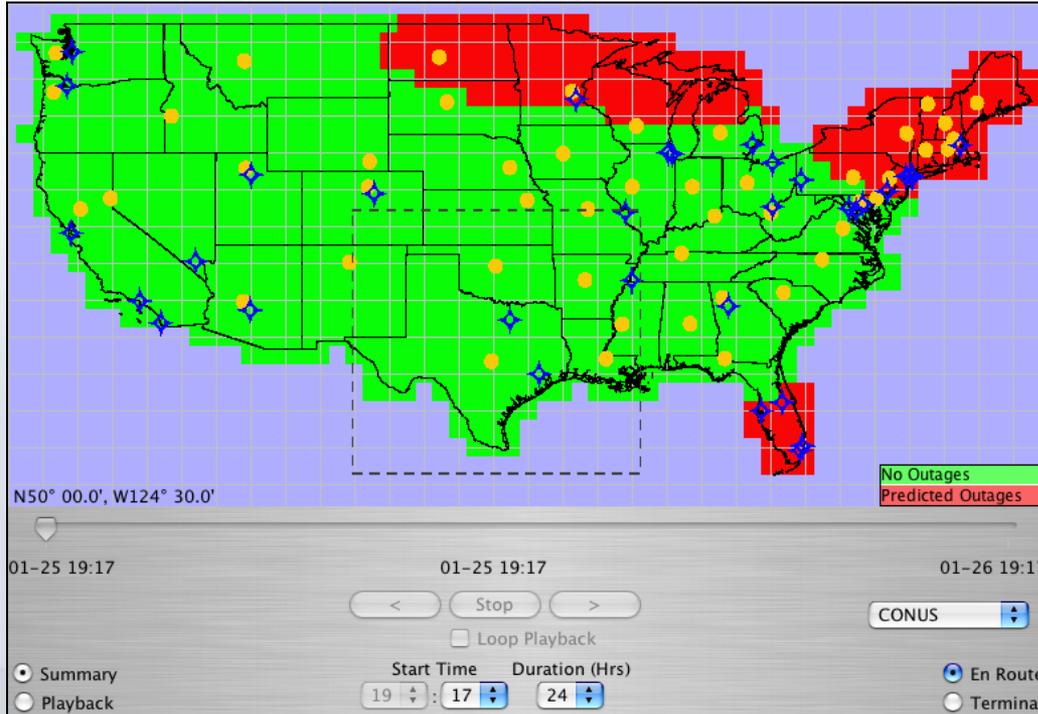
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GNSS Service Availability Prediction

Operational Mission Planning Tools

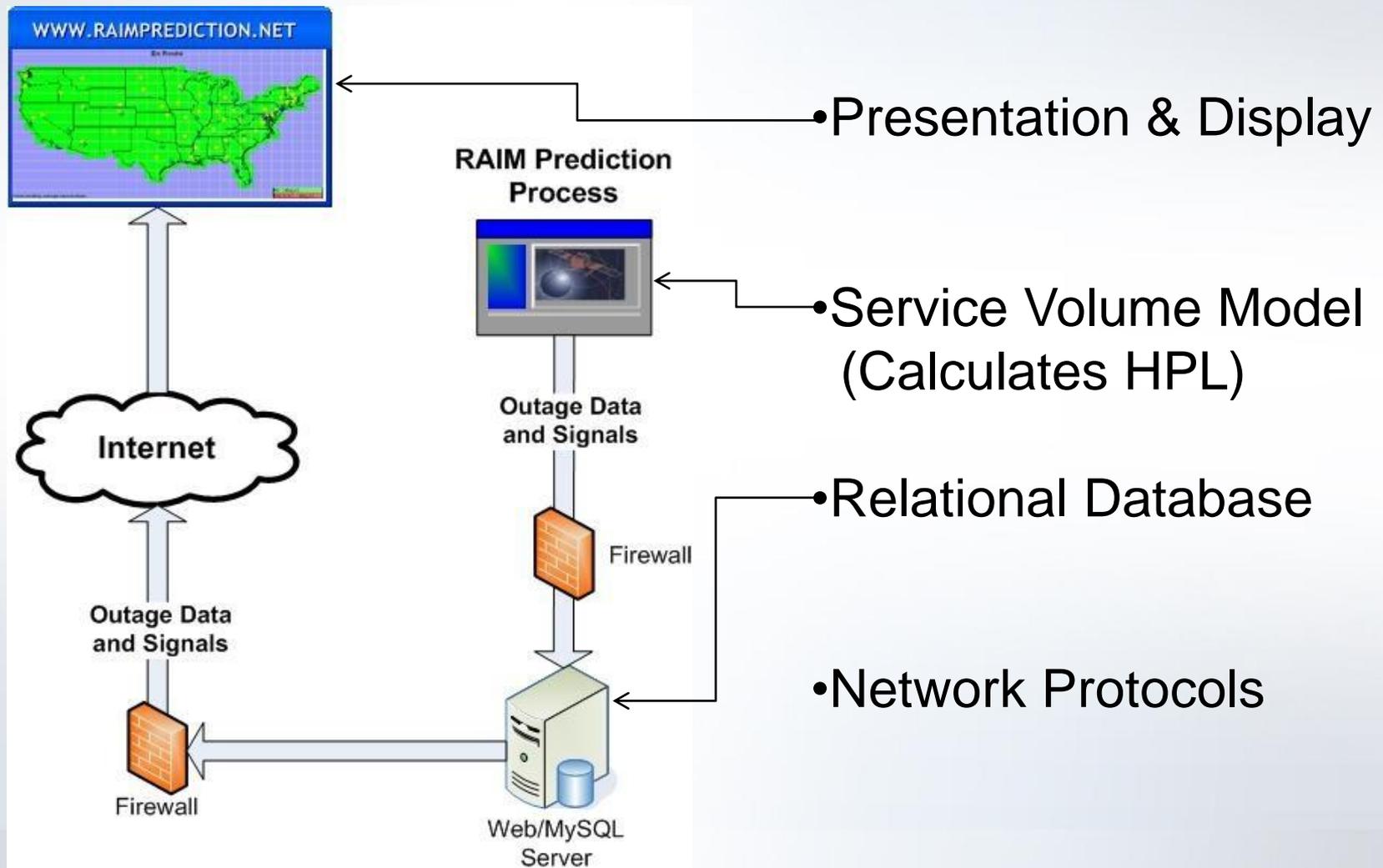
- Anticipate Service Outages
- Mitigate Continuity Breaks
- Enable Graceful Degradation
- Improve User Acceptance



US FAA GPS RAIM Prediction Service Overview

- ❑ **Early Motivation:**
 - AC90-100A establishes rule for pre-flight check of GPS navigation
- ❑ **Modeling and Prediction Function**
 - Provide location-based information on expected availability of GPS navigation services
 - Account for active state of GPS constellation
 - Evaluate availability of require navigation performance (RNP) service against certification models (initially, FAA TSO-C129)
- ❑ **Web based Service:** <http://www.raimprediction.net>
 - Two primary interfaces:
 - Interactive, graphical display via web browser
 - Procedural, XML protocol on tcp/ip stack
 - “Live” monitoring of the SVN constellation via GPS Almanac, SV NOTAM, and US DoD NANU

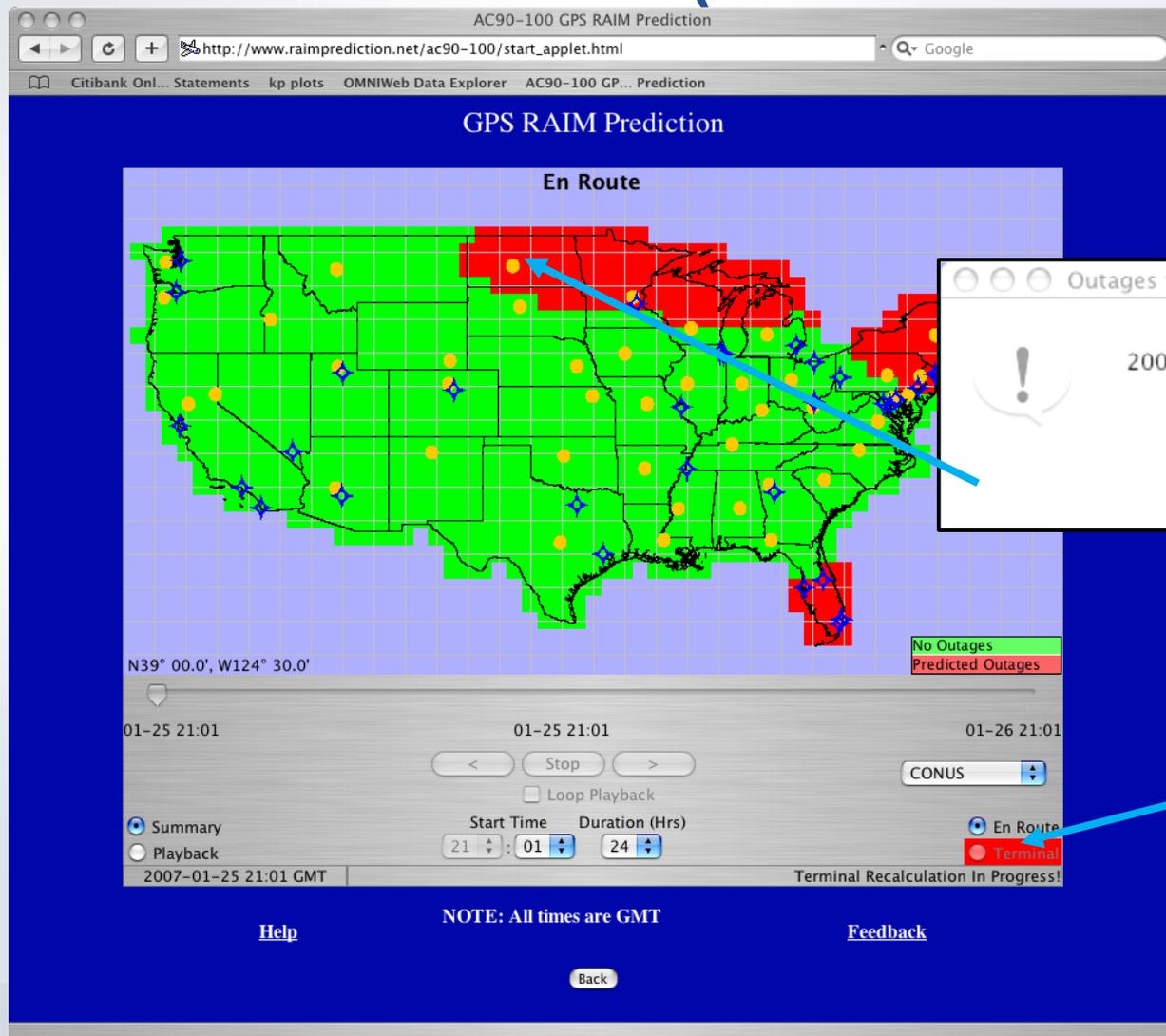
GPS RAIM Prediction Service Network



Interactive GPS RAIM Service Interface

- ❑ **Nominally 24/7 Web Access via Browser**
- ❑ **Reads Out Three Levels of RNP Service (all horizontal)**
 - En Route (HAL < 2 nmi)
 - Terminal Area (HAL < 1 nmi)
 - Non-precision Approach (HAL < 556m)
- ❑ **Graphical Display**
 - Interactive URL <http://www.raimprediction.net>
 - Service volume (US NAS)—1x1 degree (0.5 x 0.5 for NPA) grid
 - Time resolution is 1 min sampling of the GPS constellation with 6 min outage threshold
- ❑ **System Auto-Refreshes on Any Constellation Change**
 - New almanac issued
 - SV NOTAM issued or cancelled
 - NANU issued or cancelled

Interactive Interface (Web Browser Display)



Auto-Refresh

Interactive Interface (Playback Modes)

AC90-100 GPS RAIM Prediction - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address http://www.raimprediction.net/ac90-100/start_applet.html

Terminal

Playback mode

Playback mode

Playback Controls

No Outages
Future Outages
Active Outages

02-01 17:05 02-01 17:05 02-02 05:05

< Stop >

Loop Playback

Start Time Duration (Hrs)

17 : 05 12

CONUS

En Route
 Terminal

Ready

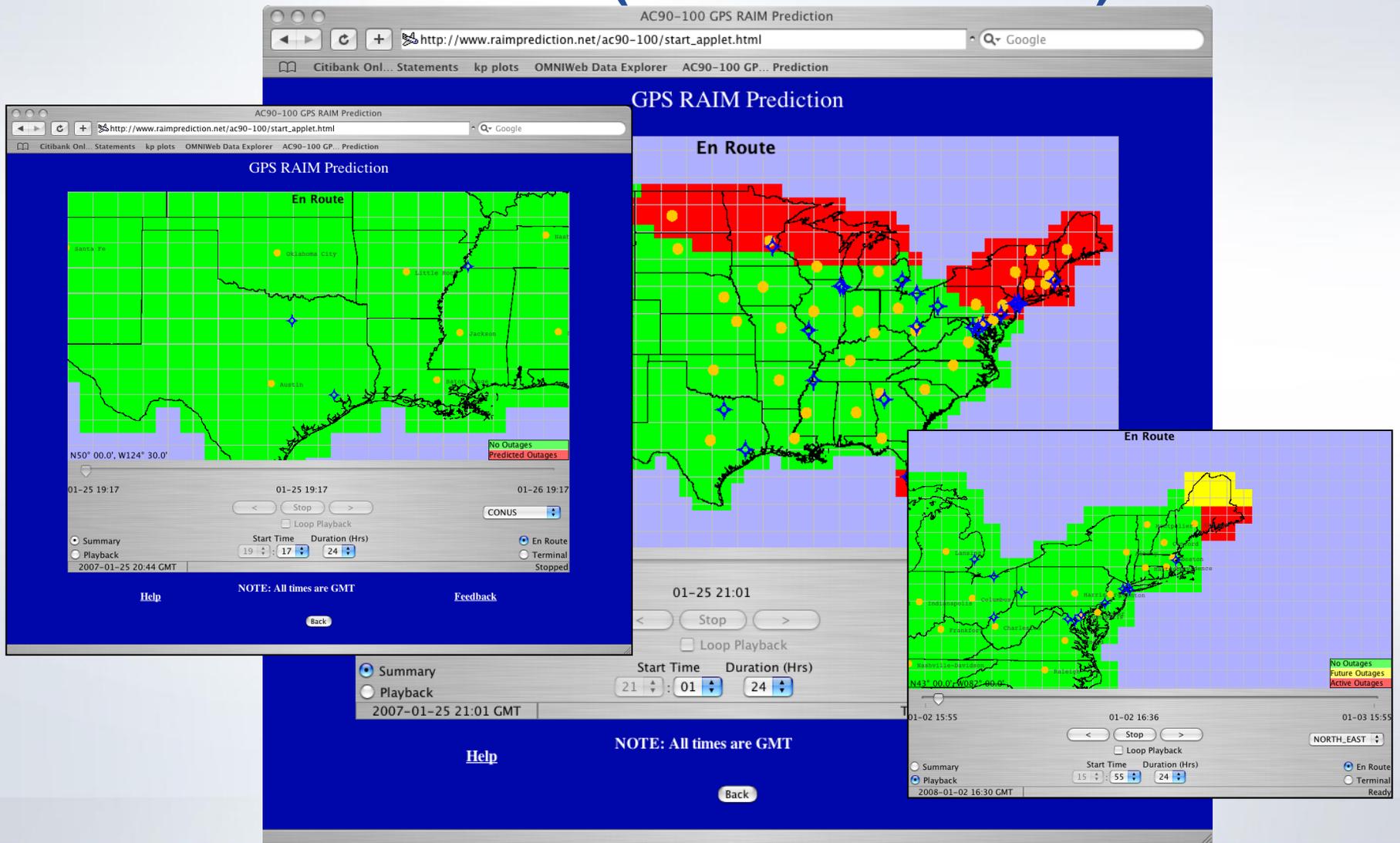
Applet acapplet/ACApplet started

Internet

Start AC90-100 GPS RAIM ...

12:10 PM

Interactive Interface (Zoom/Pan/Select)



Procedural GPS RAIM Service Interface

RAIMWebServiceSOAP Interface Control Document (ICD)

➤ Schema Advertised via Web Service Definition Language (WSDL)

➤ Inputs:

Trajectory of 4D points

Desired RNP level

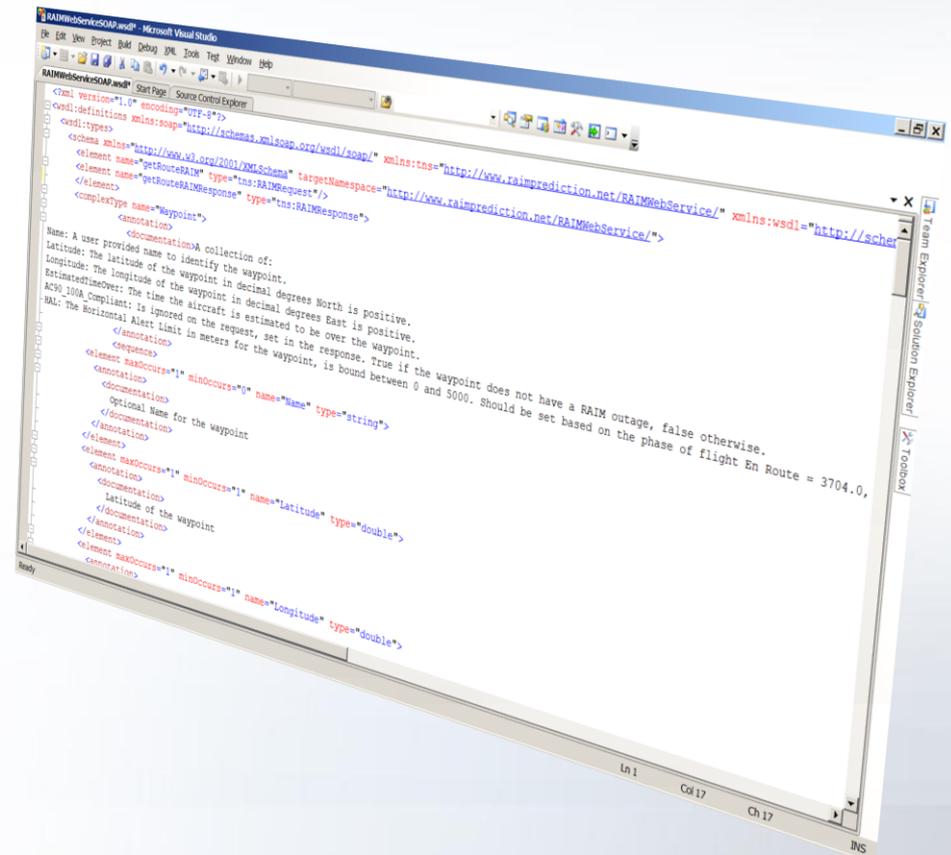
Avionics configuration

➤ Outputs:

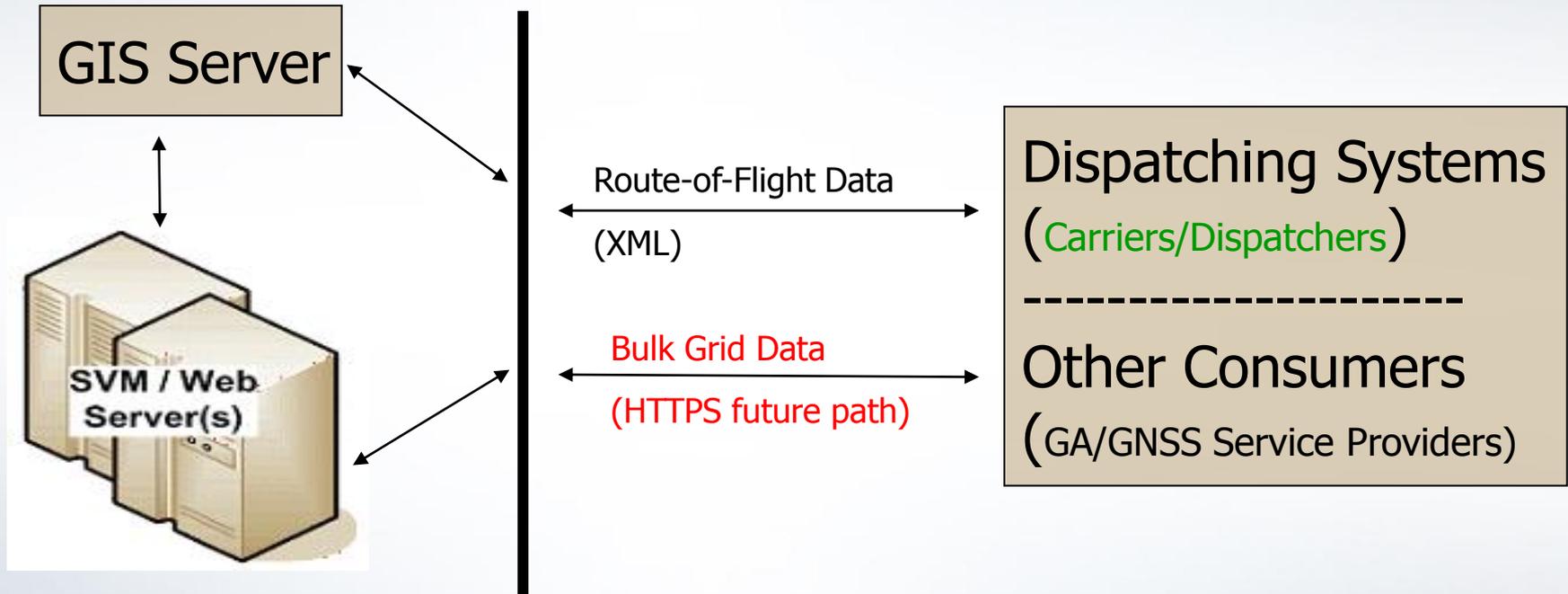
Echo of input data

Diagnostic information

Point-by-point indication
of any predicted outages
(HPL > HAL)



Procedural GPS RAIM Service Interface



GPS RAIM Prediction Service

Operational Statistics Since Deployment (1 Jul 2009)

- ❑ 8 million+ Transactions Served
- ❑ Response Time Performance (< 5 Second Transactions)
- ❑ User Adoption
 - **Carriers/Operators: Horizon, NetJets, Continental, JetBlue, Delta**
 - **Vendors/Dispatchers: DUATS, WSI, Sabre**
- ❑ Primary Demand Is Trajectory Based Operations (Procedural Interface)

Conclusions

- ❑ **Service Availability Predictions Important Factor in Adoption of GNSS Services**
 - Gives users confidence and additional convenience
 - Assists service providers with automated forward looks at service volume performance
 - Improves conditions for safety of operations via planning
- ❑ **Customized Prediction Services**
 - Presentation and interface options
 - Selection of models (nominally TSO specifications)
 - Access control, secure connection, transaction history, etc.
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